HOUSE RESOLUTION 96 By Davidson

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Michael Markham for conscientious service as a state legislative intern

WHEREAS, Michael Markham, a popular and highly regarded junior at the University of Memphis, was one of the select few chosen from a vast pool of applicants to serve in the important position of state legislative intern for the One-Hundredth Tennessee General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, Michael has worked with extraordinary diligence, dedication and patience as a legislative intern for Chairman Eugene E. Davidson, Vice-Chairman Les Winningham, Secretary Joe Towns and the members of the House Education Committee; his efforts have been widely praised by constituents, members and staff; and

WHEREAS, at the University of Memphis, Michael has excelled both academically and in extracurricular activities, majoring in English Literature and compiling an enviable 3.97 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, he is a member of the Honors Students' Association, the University Honors Program, and the English Honors Program, and has been accepted into Sigma Tau Delta, an English Honor Society, the Golden Key National Honor Society, and Gamma Beta Phi, based on his exceptional grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Michael was also chosen to attend the prestigious Governor's School for International Studies and to present a paper before the Linguistics Department; and

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WHEREAS, during the 1997 legislative session, he exceeded all standards with regard to the qualities that are expected of a dedicated and competent legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, eager to learn more about the intricacies and idiosyncrasies of Tennessee state government and to aid in his studies, Michael brought his many skills to the State Capitol for the 1997 session of the One-Hundredth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, he has performed his many duties, including constituent work, research, bill tracking, disseminating committee material and clerical work with rare ability and tireless energy; and

WHEREAS, his outgoing personality has made working with him a very enjoyable experience. He will be sorely missed by everyone who has been fortunate to have come in contact with him; and

WHEREAS, Michael has proven the old adage that "English majors do not live in the real world" wrong by actually learning about the political world and enjoying it; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we hereby commend Michael Markham for his exemplary service as a state legislative intern for the House Education Committee and join Chairman Davidson, Vice-Chair Winningham and Secretary Towns in expressing our deep appreciation for a job more than well done. We wish him much success in what we are confident is a bright future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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